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For: **SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE, MANUFACTURE AND EVALUATION
METHODS FOR SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE, AND PROCESS CONDITION
EVALUATION METHOD**

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the document listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of this document is attached.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-2866 for any fee which is deemed by the Patent and Trademark Office to be required to effect consideration of this statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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